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THE FORD COMMISSION.

The report of the Ford congressional commission on immigration recommends, as a measure to check the influx of foreign paupers, anarchists and cheap laborers, the assessment of a tax of \$5 per capita upon all immigrants, to be collected from the transportation companies bringing them hither. The plan may increase the revenues of the government a few hundred thousand dollars a year, but it will be ineffectual as a means of checking the influx of objectionable foreigners. To a European municipality which desires to rid itself of a pauper or two by sending him or her to America, the small sum of \$5 a head will be scarcely worth considering; the anarchists can generally contrive to pay is little question of its meeting the aptheir own passage to a country where they may plot and conspire without interference, and they can as well pay the proposed tax; while as for contract laborers, the protected infant industries which bring them over will merely be obliged to add the \$5 tax to the debit account of the imported laborer and withhold the sum from the wages to be paid him. The most practical suggestion of the bill, probably, is that which relates to the examination of immigrants by consular agents of the United States, whose certificate should be required of all persons landing in the United States. According to the report of the Ford

commission, a large portion of the immigration that finds its way to the coal the report, "of a very low order of intelligence. They do not come here with the intention of becoming citizens, their purpose being to accumulate by parfields of Pennsylvania is quite as undepurpose being to accumulate by parsimonious, rigid and unhealthful economy, a sum of money and then return to omy, a sum of money and then return to | reads: their native land. They live in miserable sheds, like beasts. The food they eat is so meager, scant, unwholesome and revolting that it would nauseate and disvolting that it would nauseate and disgust an American workman, and he would find it difficult to sustain life up-

lands now comparatively worthless by reason of the lack of water.

But while there is much to be hoped for in the survey under national government auspices a great deal can be done by the territorial legislature before practical results can be attained by the national project by a thorough revision of organization of the territory into irri- Gen. Harrison's cabinet. gation districts, each under the control (so far as relates to water rights) of a board of commissioners with full power to determine disputes, fix the course of irrigating canals, and assess the rates against property benefited, should be authorized by statute, to take the place of the existing chaotic usage, out of which have grown more than two score of murders since the territory was organized. The law which is probably best adapted to the needs of Montana is the one now in force in Colorado, which has given very general satisfaction in that state and under which the reclamation of arid lands has been prosecuted with the greatest success. Under such a law as Colorado's, capitalists will invest in the construction of irrigating canals who will hold aloof so long as there is the existing absence of system. The ef- plained to the house committee on terrifeet will be to stimulate agriculture and tories his plan for the reclamation of the to bring to the territory the best class of arid laws by irrigation. He illustrated by immigration from the older sections of means of a map the location of the proposed

an office created for his special benefit, bishop of the Methodist Episcopal church, but formerly known as "Grant's court chaplain." In a recent address at Charleston, S. C., the bishop said:

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prehension was so great! that life-long democrats voted for Harrison."

The ex-court chaplain is the only man thus far who has observed any alarm lest the papal see should be established through the success of one presidential nominee or another, and his declaration medicine does not exist and it is guaranteed to do all that is claimed. Electric litters will cure all diseases of the Liver and Kid-

THE GAMBLING BILL.

The territorial house of representatives spent most of yest-rday in discussion of scope in a small degree. It was connegative vote in committee of the whole numbered only four. Each of those four opposed it upon the ground that it did not go far enough and prohibit gambling entirely. The majority argued that a prohibitory law could not be enforced, and that it was better to regulate the vice than to permit it to exist without sanction of law and with the attendant unfairness which is held to charactorize all clandestine games of

The Hunt bill is so specific in its provisthe managers of the robbing lay-outs that abound on Upper Main street. It contains an emergency clause which gives it effect from and after the contains an emergency clause which ions that there should be no difficulty in gives it effect from and after Feb. 1. proximo, which would give an opportunity for a full test of its workings before the legislature adjourns on the 14th of March, and in case it is found to be faulty amendments could easily be made. It has yet to pass the council, but there proval of that body. It does not meet the views of Governor Leslie as expressed in his message to the legislative assembly, but it is not thought the governor will interpose his veto. The prospect is, therefore, that the bill will become a law at an early day.

It is a significant fact that the most severe critics of the Hunt bill are the gentry who run sure-thing games. Outside of this class are those who differ as cessfully pursued to suppress the class of games aimed at, and the few who oppose \$1.502.30.

Chicago, Jan. 24—Cattle—Receipts. 13,000; slow; weak, shade lower; steers, \$2.002.3.50; games aimed at, and the few who oppose \$1.502.30.

THE ADMISSION BILL.

The second, which applies to South would find it difficult to sustain life upon it. Their habits are vicious, their customs are disgusting, and the effect of their presence here upon our society is to be deplored." There should be means for as effective exclusion of such people as have been invoked against the Chinese. America has still a welcome for the immigrant who comes here to make his home, and who possesses industry, intelligence and virtue sufficient to make of him a good citizen of this republic. As for the classes which are being sent here or are coming to find asylums in which they may be maintained in idleness at the expense of those who labor, or where they may plot against the peace and order of society, they should be rigorously excluded.

IRRIGATION LAWS.

The dispatches yesterday brought the gratifying information that the appropriations committee of the national house of representatives had decided to recommend the appropriation of \$150,000 to continue the work of surveying and locating sites for reservoirs for irrigating arid lands in the West. This is a subject in which Montana has a very large interest, for the work contemplated will lead to the redemption of hundreds of thousands of acres of fertile lands now comparatively worthless by reason of the lack of water.

Dakota, is a substitute for the seventh paragragh of Section 3, and is as follows: "Seventh. That at the election for delegation his beciton his bailous convention in his bat of he words 'against the South Pakota shall continue of 1855,' and if a division of the territory is authorized as provided in this section, then it shall be for the Sioux Falls constitution of 1855,' and if a division of the territory is authorized as provided in this section, then it shall be the classes which are being as the reprovided as provided in this section, then it shall be the slows Falls convention which may assemble at Soux Falls and adopted as provided in this section, then it shall be for the Sioux Falls convention which may assemble at Soux Falls convention of 1855,' and if Dakota, is a substitute for the seventh on it. Their habits are vicious, their paragragh of Section 3, and is as follows:

The substance of these amendment was correctly stated in the preface to the bill as published yesterday.

JOHN WANAMAKER was a long time closeted with General Harrison in the latter's back parlor at Indianapolis Wednesday. Mr. Wanamaker has a large asthe laws relating to water privileges, sortment of ready-made clothing in which laws as at present existing are stock, of various qualities and sizes and conceded by lawyers generally to be ex- at prices to suit. Whether he obtained ceedingly defective, and the court cal- an order from the president-elect or not, endars show that out of these defects the dispatches did not state. it is intigrow a very large proportion of the cases | mated, however, that Mr. Wanamaker which come up for adjudication. The wishes to be secretary of the exterior in

> THE cappers, stool-pigeons or boosters for the sure-thing houses on Upper Main street have come to the conclusion that if it is legal for their employers to rob visitors in their roams it is also proper and allowable to rob the robbers. It's a case of dog eat dog, and every instance such as the one reported in the INDE-PENDENT yesterday serves to direct attention to the iniquitous practices of the sure-thing gamblers.

THE ARID LANDS.

Plans for Reclaiming the Waste Places. WASHINGTON, Jan 24 .- Major Powell, director of the geological survey, to-day exreservoirs, dams and canals in the Jemes river, New Mexico, and said he thought reservoirs could be constructed for \$450,000. His travels as inspector of consulates, whereby 195,000 acres of land could be reclaimed. The lands were worth nothing did not in the least widen the intellect | now, but if reclaimed by irrigation would or ideas of Rev. John P. Newman, now a become very valuable. Major Powell said

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This remedy is becoming so well known and so popular as to need no special mention. All who have used Electric Bitters sing the same song of praise—A purer medicine does not exist and it is guaranteed nominee or another, and his declaration that the prospect of the re-election of Mr. Cleveland gave occasion for uneasiness on that point will only tend to bring the profession of the Christian ministry into contempt.

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If on the right side and lower part of the diaphragm, though playfully meant and Mr. Hunt's bill for the suppression of so-delivered, is calculated to evoke profanity called sure-thing gambling. Since the from a chappy whose liver is out of order. bill was introduced it has undergone When that region is sore and congested, some alterations, which have widened its | pokes seem fiendish. Look at a man's countenance ere you prod him under the scope in a small degree. It was considered in committee of the whole at the forenoon session and adopted by the committee. A final vote will be taken upon it at this morning's session, and there is no doubt of its adoption, as the negative vote in committee of the whole mend him to take and persist in taking, Hostetter's Stomach Bitters, the finest anti-bilious and alterative medicine extant. Incomparable is it, also, for dyspepsia, rheumatism, nervousness, kidney trouble, and fever and ague.

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THE MARKETS.

New York, Jan. 24,-Bar effver, 92%. Copper-Feverish; lake, January, \$17. Lead-Firm; fairly active; domestic, \$3.82%. The stock market was still less active to-ds and dealings were even more than usual of late devoid of special feature. Rock Island and St devoid of special feature. Note leland and St Paul preferred were the only stocks in which there was any marked improvement, each losing over a point, although both recovered handsomely toward the close, which was dull but firm. Most of the list are slightly higher but in no case is the final change for more than a fraction. Govern-ment bonds dull and steady. Petroleum opened firm at 84% and closed at 85%.

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Overnment bonds, 4s, 137%; 4%s, 109; Northern Pacific, 25%; preferred, 60%; Oregon Navigation, 91%; Transcontinental, 38; Union Paclific, 63%; Oregon Improvement, 67.
Money on call was easy at 2 per cent.
Prime mercantile paper, 4@5%. Sterling exchange firm; sixty-day bills, \$4.56; demand, \$4.59.

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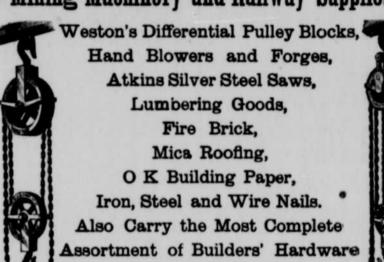
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